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EXTREME FAITH

Worship

"Dreams become Goals and goals have plans that make them become reality..."

Name:

Take me home!

You Were Made For This!

Worshiping God is in you

WORSHIP

In The Secret place...

Have you ever made something? Have you ever created something? Have you ever been in art class? We create things all the time, and when we create things we create them with a purpose. I have made things because I needed them to preform a purpose, I had a need that they would fill. Art is the same way when we create art it creates an outlet for an expression that we longed to share. Now think about you, you were created by God, don't you think that you were created for a purpose. Do you think that God creates to just create or does He the great creator create with a purpose in mind. 1 Chronicles 16:28-29 tells us this 28 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, 29 ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. In other words we were created to worship God. It is in us and lives there with us at all times!

When something was created with a purpose it is only working as it should when it lives out it's purpose. So do you worship God, do you do it in private, do you do it in public with others? We were made to worship God and when we worship God, we reflect God to the world around us. Our worship pleases the Lord. There is real strength when believers bring a corporate offering of praise to God in

the church. God receives our worship and He sees that we are living out our purpose. Do you worship God in private where no one will ever know that you have worshiped God except God? It is a powerful thing when we get along with God and just give Him glory and praise. We all need to grow our personal relationship with God in the secret places, theses times when it is just God and you. I love these times, like when one of my children have a nightmare and I go to there bed and worship God singing them back to sleep in the protection of God's arms. They may fall right back to sleep, but I will continue to worship God and talk to Him for another hour or so. My child knows nothing of this for they have fallen asleep. But in the quite still moments God and I just hang and I praise His name to the darkness. Worshiping God in the quite places is a powerful thing that changes us from the inside out. When we develop good habits of hanging with God and giving Him praise it helps us see what we were created for. Give it a try this week, in a quite and secret place just worship God and tell Him how great He is. Sing to Him a worship song, or create your own song to give Him praise. This is a special time where you just focus on how great He is. Take some time this week and just give Him praise. It is what you were made for!



Finding that secret place

Finding the time and the place to be alone with God is not always easy but you can find it if you seek it out. Everybody has a closet you know that place where you keep your clothes and where you throw everything when you are cleaning your room. A closet is a great place to carve out a nook where you can be alone with God. Even if you don't share a room it is cool to have that private place where you go to meet with God and worship Him. When you make a dedicated space it is so much easier to have a dedicated time in the day where you enter the space and time where God is all that you worship. When you carve out a physical space to meet with God, it will be much easier for you to carve out time in your day to meet with God and worship Him.

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Isaiah 43:7 says that God created us for His glory. " 'You are my witnesses,' declares the Lord, 'and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will their be one after me. I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior' " (Isaiah 43:10-11). First Chronicles 16:28-29 says, "Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. "Our worship pleases the Lord. There is real strength when believers bring a corporate offering of praise to God in the church. I love the sense of storming heaven with our praise when we unify in faith. I love when we, the body of Christ, can just be together in His magnificent presence. God's Word encourages believers to continue meeting together, saying, "And let us consider and give attentive, continuous care to watching over one another, studying how we may stir up (stimulate and incite) to love and helpful deeds and noble activities. Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the habit of some people, but admonishing (warning, urging, and encouraging) one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25 AMP).

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EXTREME APPLICATION

Knowing what you were made for and doing what you were made for is extreme character. If we know that we were made to worship God, but don't ever take time to worship God, then we are not extreme. We must live out of what we were made for. Be Extreme and live up to the full potential that God made you for.

Think About it The tension of

(of Worshipping God alone)

Everyone was created by God so everyone was made to worship God. So why do we all not worship God?

Well that is the question, but before we can answer it we have to know when and how we individually worship God. When we can define how we worship God, then we can ask the question what kept us from worshipping Him before? The same reasons that we did not worship God would be the same reason other people don't worship God.

So do you worship God? If you're not sure then what keeps you from worshipping Him? If you're like everyone else the world gets in your way. You feel your life with many other things and you worship them and you forget about worshipping God. Just like Mary and Martha, Martha was distracted by things of the world and she did not fully worship God. The things that she was doing could have been used to worship God, but her heart was not in a worshipful place. Mary stood in the tension of Martha and worship God by sitting at Jesus's feet.

We need to be purposeful in following God and worshipping Him in all that we do. The world will throw tension at us and seek to block us from truly worshipping God. But that is the tension, and we know that we were made to worship God. When we do what we were created for the tension fades away and we live the life that we were made to live!

Run after God and worship Him with everything that you do!



1 Chronicles 16:28-29

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DIG IN

1. How do you get alone with God just you and Him?

2. Why do you think you were created to worship God?

3. How does worship change us? (Circle all that apply)

Gives us freedom Allows us to be who we are Causes us to reflect God
Strengthens us Makes us closer to God We become more like God
Changes our perspective

4. Talk about This is small Group:

Why is it important to have a secret place to meet with God?

Why is it important to meet with God in secret?

Why do you think you were created to worship God?

Why is it important to worship God?

Knowing your purpose in life is a good thing or bad thing?

A CHALLENGE FOR YOU:

Find that secret place if you don't already have a place. Make a nook that is just for you and God. Make space in your closet or a place in the house that you can go to and be completely alone. Then after you find that place fill it with things that will help you meet with God. Then make a plan to meet with God in that place!

UNDERSTANDING
WORSHIP

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But also we must each worship our King in that secret place, that intimate time, one-on-one, as a lover of Christ. There should be times of worship that only you and the Lord will ever know about. Even if you are part of a worship team, your most glorious moments of worship should be off the platform when you are alone with God. Heartfelt intimacy is private, and your most precious time with your best friend is not in the public moments. Moments alone with God should be revered. When Jesus came to the village where Martha lived, she opened her home to Him. Her sister Mary (the same one who later anointed Jesus with perfume) sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. Eventually she came to Jesus and asked, " 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!' " 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her' " (Luke 10:40-42). We can understand Martha's concern. She was asking, "Lord, don't you care? Don't you love me for all that I am doing for you?" Of course God cares—and He cares that we learn the only service to Him that is needed. Mary chose to be in the presence of God; she chose to sit at His feet, to spend time in the Word of God. Mary chose what is most necessary. There is no substitute for time spent alone with God; no substitute for a relationship with Christ. Singing lovely songs about the Lord is fantastic, but it is not enough. To worship is to speak to the Lord with words full of adoration. To worship God is to bow down to Him, to revere Him, and to hold in awe His beauty. I see worship as a kiss toward heaven. Worship is a verb, defined as "regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion." It is an active expression of our love toward God. It is vibrant and visible by our deeds and not only by the words we speak. Worship involves the giving of ourselves totally to the Lord. Worship is neither a ritualistic activity nor a musical emotion. It embodies and reflects the selfless generosity of Christ. Worship is a movement of our hearts, our thoughts, and our wills toward God's heart, thoughts, and will. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9 KJV)

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by Darlene Zschech



At the Home of Martha and Mary

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.

Are you a Martha or a Mary? Do you get distracted by the things that are happening around you that you forget to just sit at the feet of Jesus? It happens to the best of us we are so busy doing things that we forget to ask God for help or even ask Him what He thinks about what we are doing. There is a lot to learn from this story. Mary chose to just sit and listen to Jesus, not worrying about the meal, or what they would eat. When was the last time that you were excited to just be with Jesus to the point that you did not think about all the other things that are going on in life? Take a look at this story and find the balance of what is happening in your life and how those things will never compare to just being with Jesus.

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